

which I shook my head, & made signs for her to wash him. She burst into hearty laughter - came & took him to the side of the lodge & made a vigorous application of soap & warm water, she next proceeded to put clean garments on him, which having accomplished she brought him & set him down on a rug. He took a handkerchief & kissed him, showed him my watch & began to talk to him, the scout traced the movements of my lips while I talked. This was repeated day after day without little variations, not even omitting the application of soap & water.

At length he began to talk in answer to me, much to the amusement of the Indians who observing that uttered words in English while he could not speak in his mother tongue, took occasion to tease his parents, especially his mother by saying, "O! Indian? No! O! White man!"

Gebadde & his wife had never been to the Agency. After I had lomed with them a short time, I prevailed upon them to go with the other Indians to the Agency & draw rations. I told them "I eat supper with you many times, now you go to Agents house & eat supper with me."

Having obtained the consent of the Agents wife I brought them in at supper time, & they partook of the first civilized meal of their lives. Nothing escaped their notice. When we returned Gebadde & myself stopped at the trading post, where he bought pie-tins, tea-cups & saucers, knives & forks, spoons, sugar-bowl, & coffee-pot. While he was buying these things, it became a mystery to me how he would get them to camp, he being on horseback. When the purchase was completed, he wrapped his blanket about them, buckled the leather belt tightly around his body, & packed all these articles about his waist inside his blanket & in that way carried them all the way to camp, about sixty miles. The next morning some fifteen of the principal men of the camp with their wives came in to our lodge for breakfast.

I had observed quite a pile of small boards - some two feet or more in length, in the cooks department, but did not comprehend their use until breakfast was nearly ready, when these boards were placed around on the ground before the guests, in such manner that one board was before each man & his wife. The pie-tins were filled with grease & one placed on the board in front of every guest the coffee was poured out in the cups & set in the saucers before every one & the sugar bowl was passed around quite an improvement over the old skin or bark pieces on which grease had formerly been served.

I found that Gebadde's wife had visited the rubbish pile back of the trading post & had selected the board from among the goods boxes for the purpose. The example thus set was contagious. Soon every lodge was supplied with dining boards.

A short time after this Gebadde & his family were sent by the tribe to reside for a time in the Cheyenne camps & I saw no more of them for some months.

One day some new-comers came to camp two lodges were erected close together & about the middle of the afternoon I noticed a little girl accompanied by a small boy, both looking uncommonly tidy & clean, going from one chief's lodge to another, & finally came to me with an invitation to their lodge to supper. They were the children of Gebadde. One taking me by one hand & the other by the other gave me no chance to refuse. They led me to their home - the new lodges I had noticed. On entering I found I was in the cooks apartment, & noticed that every thing was carried out of the lodge, as it was cooked. The chiefs & their wives began to gather in, the number of about thirty.

At this time there was no sign of supper, & the guests exchanged enquiring glances of concern lest some mistake had been made